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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: List of Soviet Approaches to American Officials

1. The following instances of American officials being approached by Soviet officials were reported on 10 April 1952:

a. In Stockholm at the U.S. Embassy 4 July 1951 reception, Yevgeni TARABRIN, 1st Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, expressed the desire to see more of his American colleagues. Even though TARABRIN had not been invited to the party, the Soviet Ambassador RODIONOV brought him along. TARABRIN remarked that he had never been invited to an American party. Edward RYAN, U.S. Attache, asked TARABRIN if he might call him some time and perhaps have lunch with him. TARABRIN replied he would welcome such an invitation.

b. In Stockholm at the 7 November 1951 reception at the Soviet Embassy, the U.S. Naval Attache, Capt. Homer B. HUDSON, thanked the Soviet Naval Attache, Comdr. Fedor PRUSNAKOV, for the complimentary tickets the latter had sent him for a recent Soviet ballet in Stockholm. PRUSNAKOV invited Capt. HUDSON and the Assistant Naval Attache, Lt. Col. Edward H. HURST, to his home for a luncheon on 15 January 1952. Wives were present.

c. In Pretoria at the 7 November 1951 celebration at the Soviet Consulate General, A.A. KIRIPUNOV, the Acting Consul General, asked the U.S. Public Affairs Officer (Chester R. CHARTRAND) and his wife to attend a showing of some Russian films. "I want to be friendly", KIRIPUNOV stated.

d. In Montevideo at the 7 November 1951 reception at the Soviet Legation, an unspecified Soviet official invited the following American diplomats to a private showing of Soviet films: Edward TRUMBLOOD, Charge d'Affaires; Robert GARAGEN, Attache; the Labor Attache; the Press Attache.

e. In Brussels in November 1951, Mikhail KLEYMENTOV, an Attache of the Soviet Embassy, expressed the desire to meet an American diplomat. Again expressing this desire later in the same month, he specified that he would like to meet Mr. Homer FOX, Deputy Chief of ECA in Belgium.

f. In Stockholm on 11 January 1952 at the Attache Luncheon, Col. Ivan V. CHUMAK, Soviet Military Attache, invited Capt. Homer B. HUDSON, U.S. Naval Attache, and Lt. Col. Roy COLE, U.S. Military Attache, to a stag luncheon at his home on 14 January 1952.

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g. The FBI reported that on several recent occasions Soviet officials seem to be mingling more with American citizens in the United States and to be anxious to accept social invitations. (date of info: Feb 52)

2. Since that time there are additional instances as follows:

a. In Stockholm in February 1952 Col. Ivan V. CHUMAK, Soviet Military Attache, visited the Office of the U.S. Army Attache for the first time in CHUMAK's tour of duty in Stockholm, a period of almost two years. The reason for the call was probably to return the courtesy call of the Army Attache earlier in the month. CHUMAK was more talkative than usual.

b. In March 1952 in New York, Mr. SOLDATOV, the Soviet Representative of the Trusteeship Council, UN, asked Ambassador and Mrs. Francis B. SAYRE of the U.S. Delegation to have dinner with him.

c. On 7 April 1952 in Stockholm, Nikolai GRACHEV, Soviet Assistant Air Attache, and Col. REW, U.S. Assistant Air Attache, had lunch together for two and one-half hours. At this time GRACHEV invited REW to a ballet to be given on 10 April 1952.

d. At the Argentine reception in Montevideo on 25 May 1952, the Soviet officials again brought up the matter of exchange showing of Russian and U.S. films on an informal basis.

e. At the June 1952 British Embassy garden party in Washington, D.C. Ambassador PANYUSHKIN went around making it a point to single out the lower level British diplomats and suggest that they make an effort to become more familiar with their Soviet counterparts.

3. The activities of the Soviets at two recent social events are also worthy of mention in connection with the "increased friendliness" trend.

a. On 21 March 1952 in Stockholm, Col. CHUMAK gave a reception primarily for foreign attaches. The evening was pleasant and friendliness on the part of the Soviets was very pronounced. In contrast to a previous reception, no attempt was made to force liquor on the guests nor to steer the conversation away from friendly and inconsequential discussions.

b. In Oslo on 18 June 1952, shortly after the disappearance of the Swedish plane and the subsequent shooting down of the search plane, the monthly luncheon for diplomatic secretaries and attaches

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(including service attaches) was attended by three members of the Soviet Embassy staff: 1st Secretary S.Y. NIKICHIN, Attache B.S. MESHEVITINOV, and the newly arrived 3rd Secretary P. CHIRYAKOV. This was the first time a Soviet had attended the monthly luncheon during the past year. The Soviets greeted everyone present in a most cordial manner and maintained an extremely friendly attitude throughout the luncheon.

4. In view of what appears to be an increase in the approaches of Soviet officials to American officials abroad, it is suggested that American governmental agencies abroad be alerted against such attempts and, in each case where an approach is made by Soviet personnel, the American official concerned report and clear each invitation with superiors. All such approaches should be immediately reported to the

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